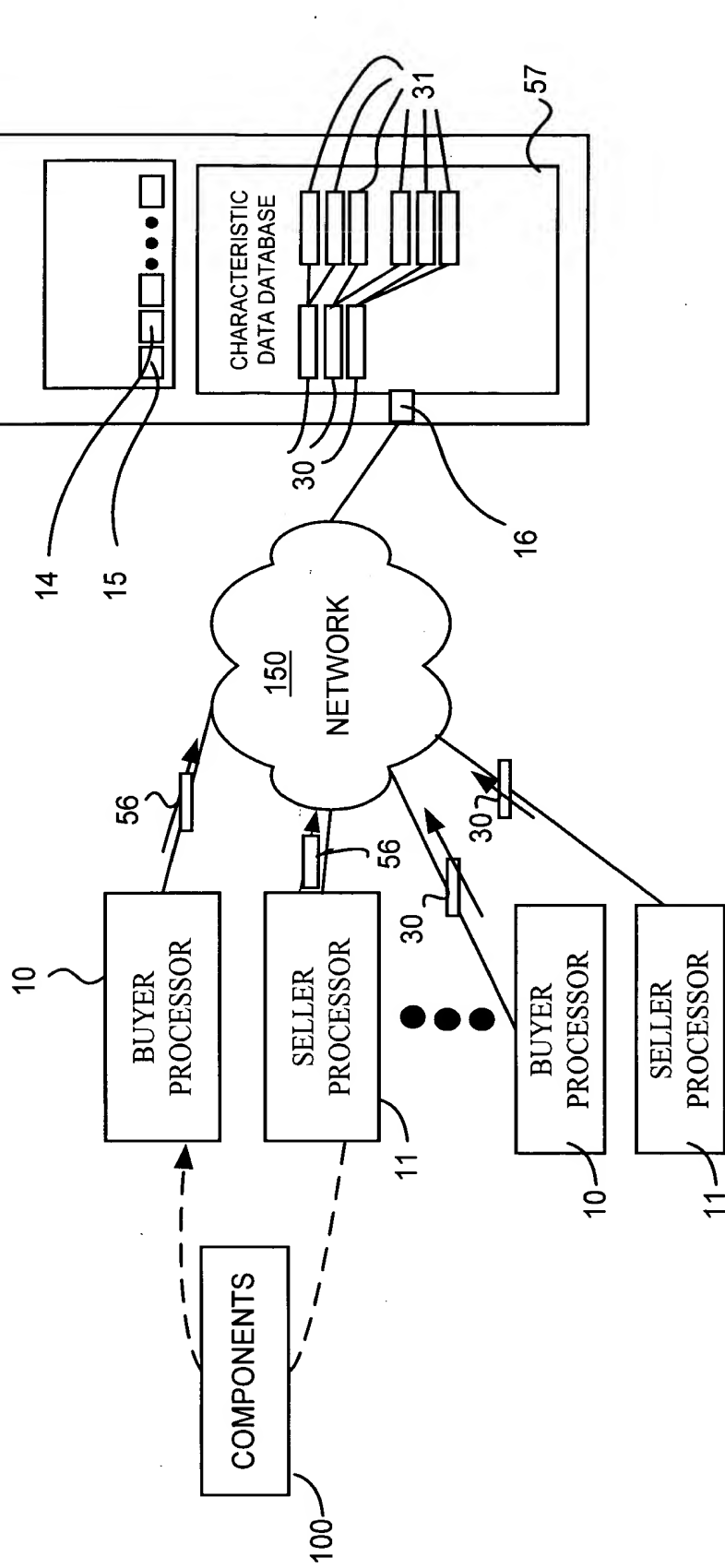


FIG. 1 is a block diagram of an information exchange system 50. The system 50 includes a network 150 and an information exchange system 51. The network 150 is connected to a buyer processor 10 and a seller processor 11. The information exchange system 51 includes a characteristic data database 57 and a set of components 14, 15, 16, 30, 31. The buyer processor 10 is connected to the network 150 via a communication link 56. The seller processor 11 is connected to the network 150 via a communication link 56. The network 150 is also connected to the information exchange system 51 via a communication link 16. The information exchange system 51 is connected to the network 150 via a communication link 30. The network 150 is also connected to a set of components 30, 31 via a communication link 30. The network 150 is also connected to a set of components 30, 31 via a communication link 31.

Fig. 1



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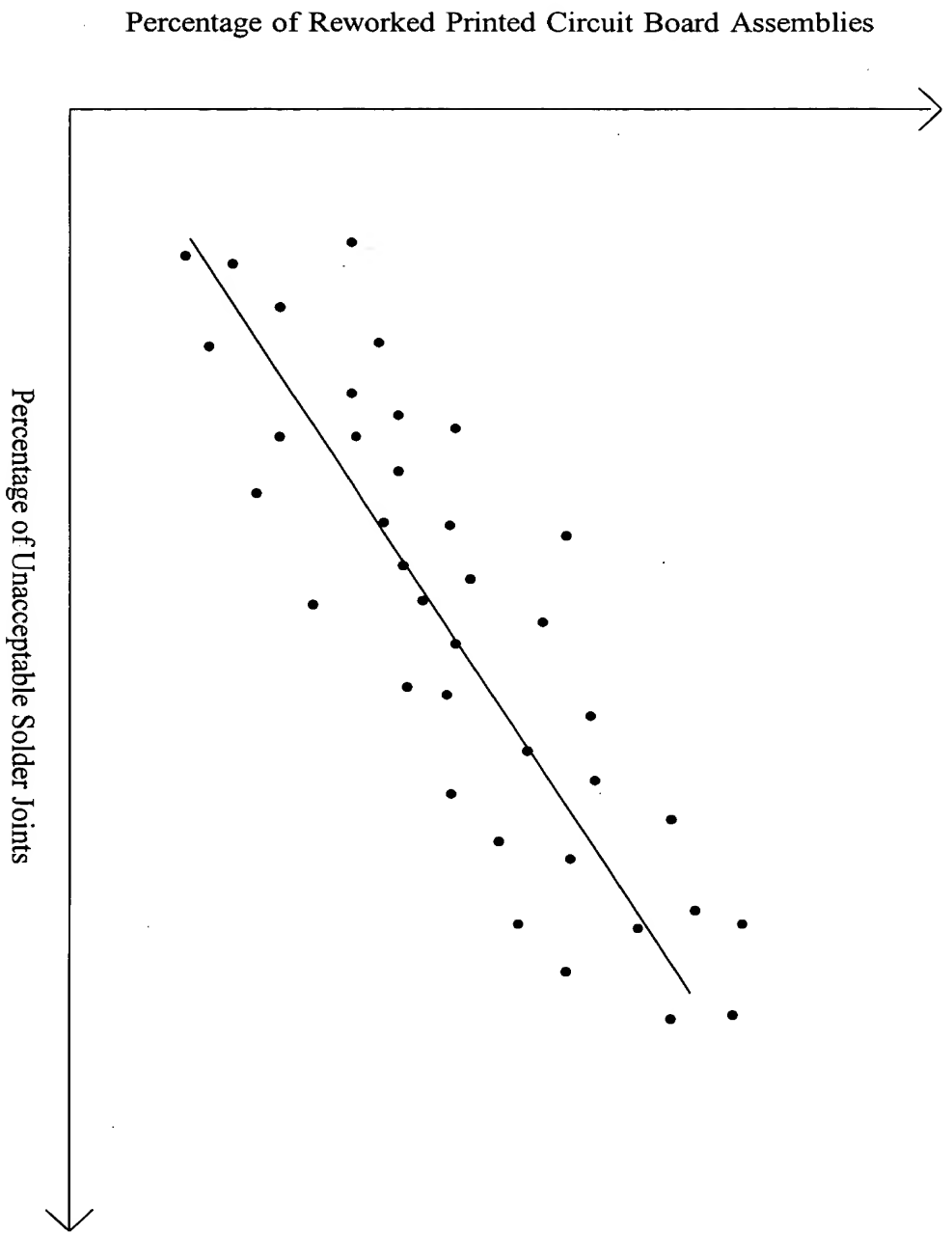


Fig. 2

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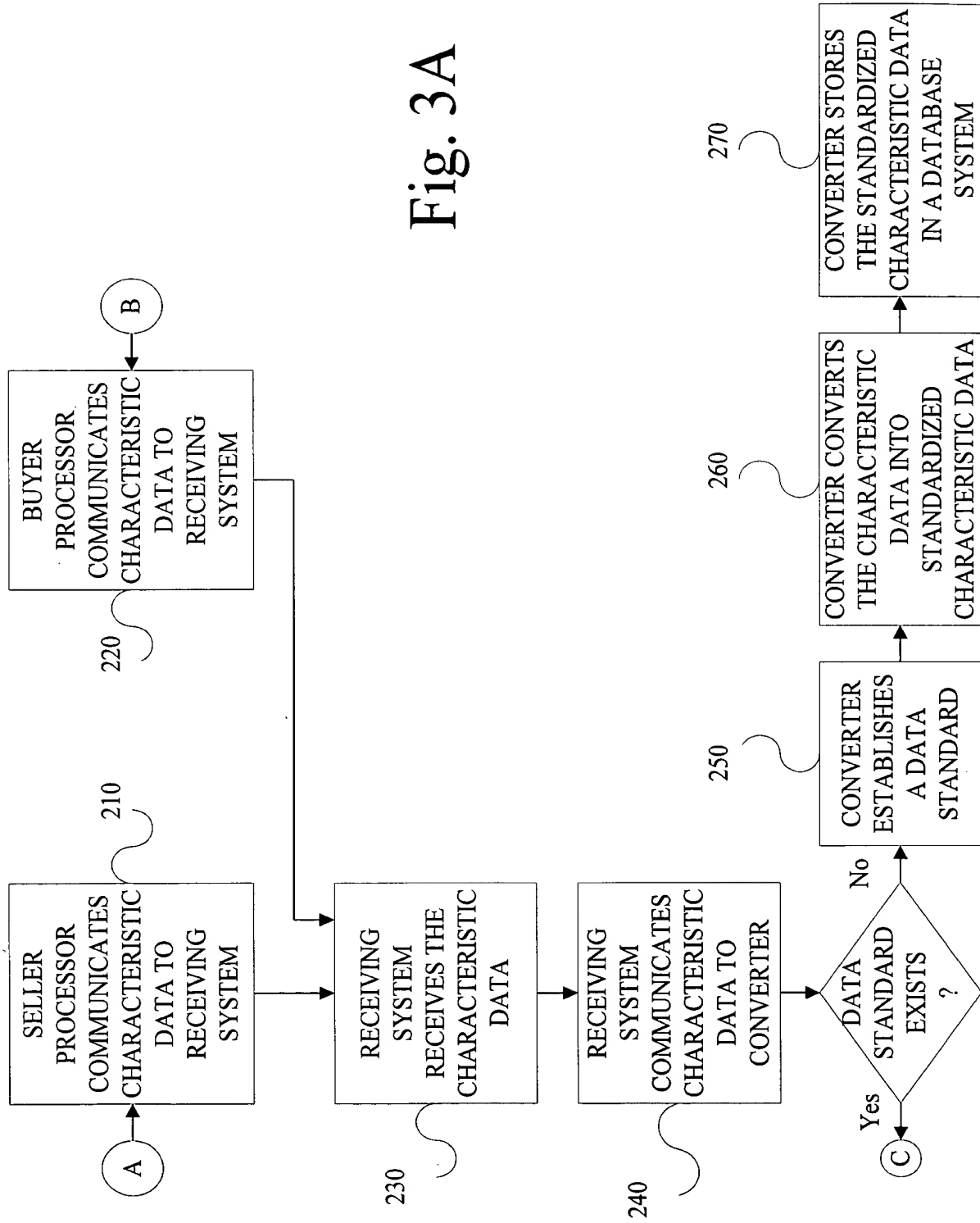
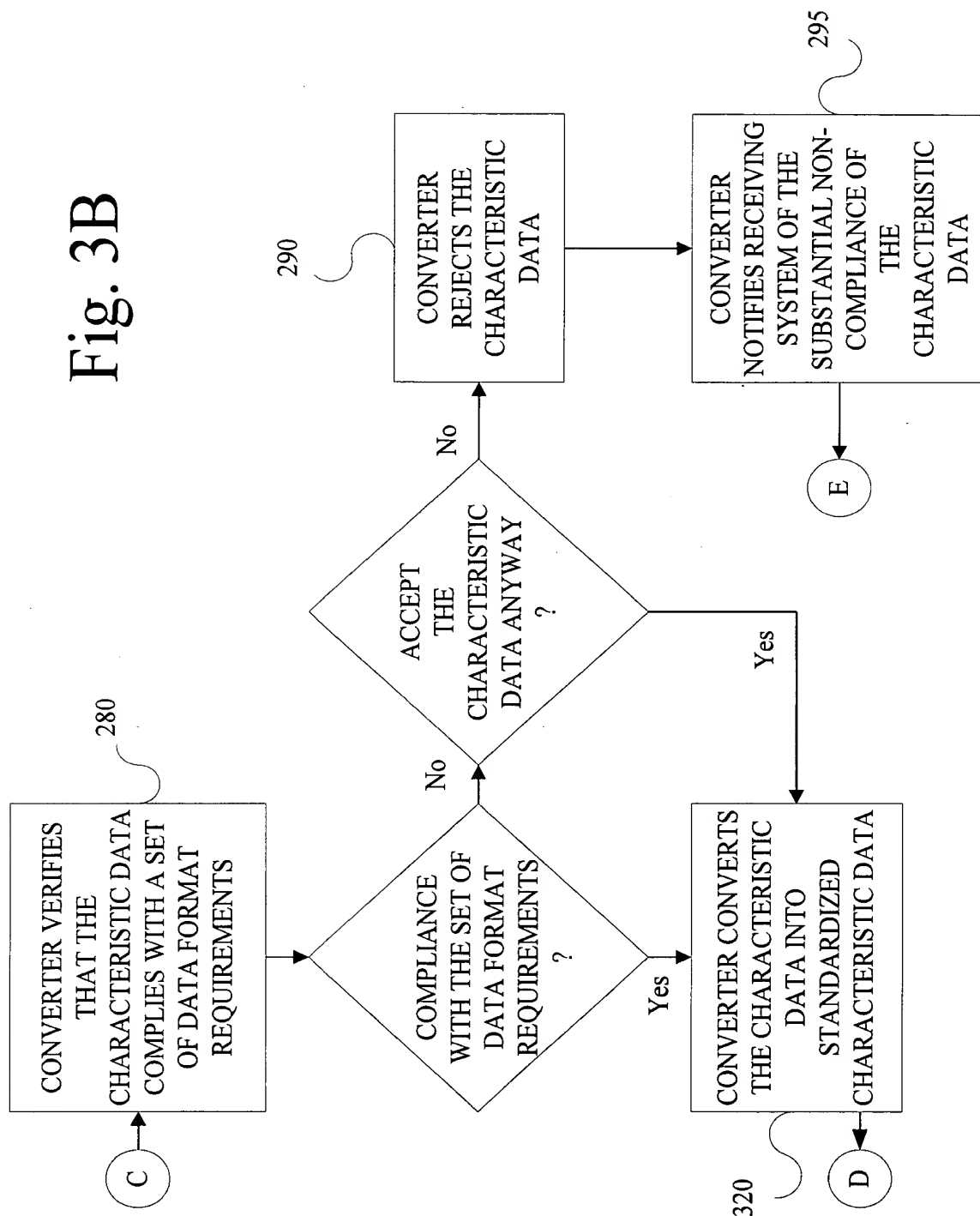


Fig. 3A

Fig. 3B



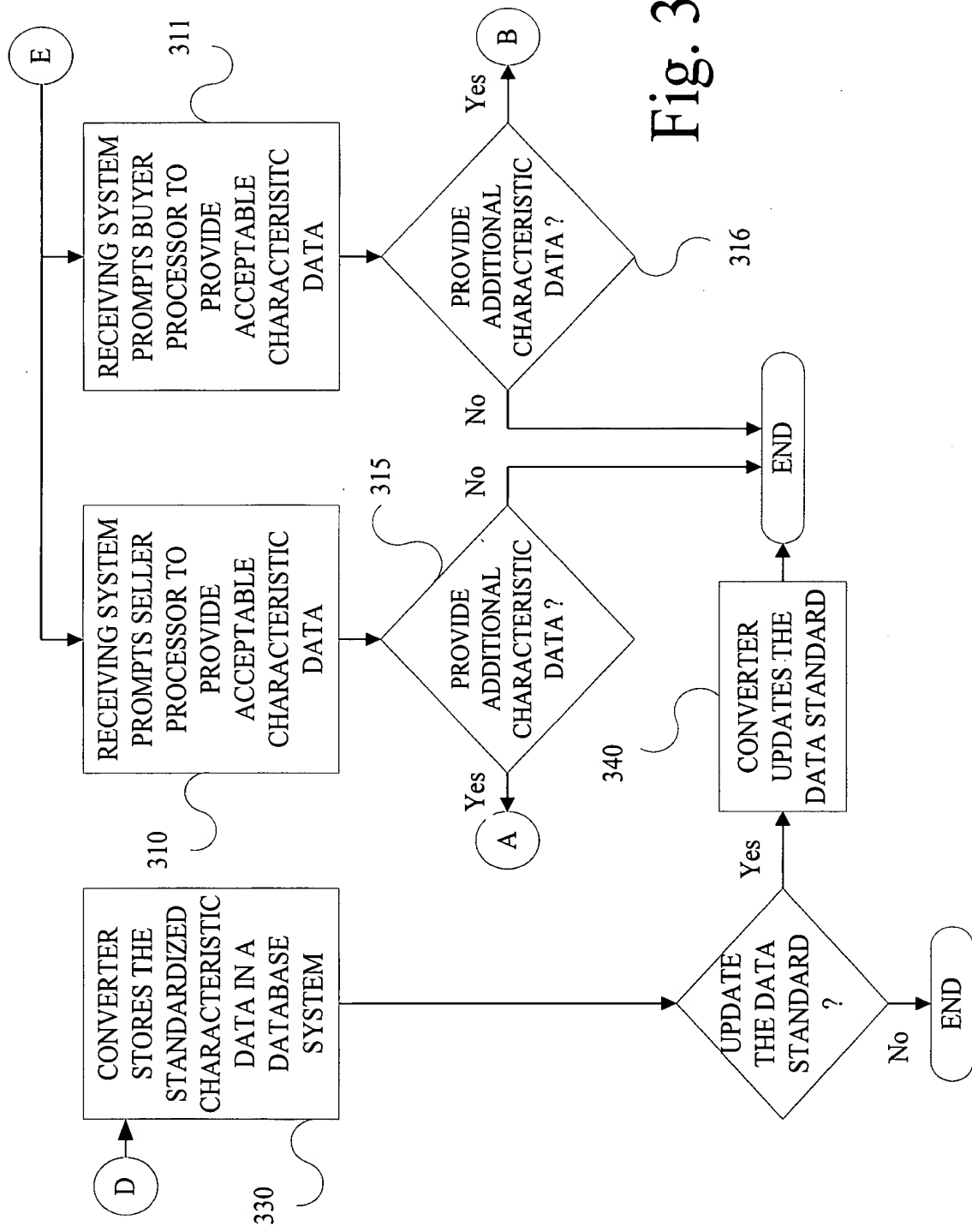


Fig. 3C

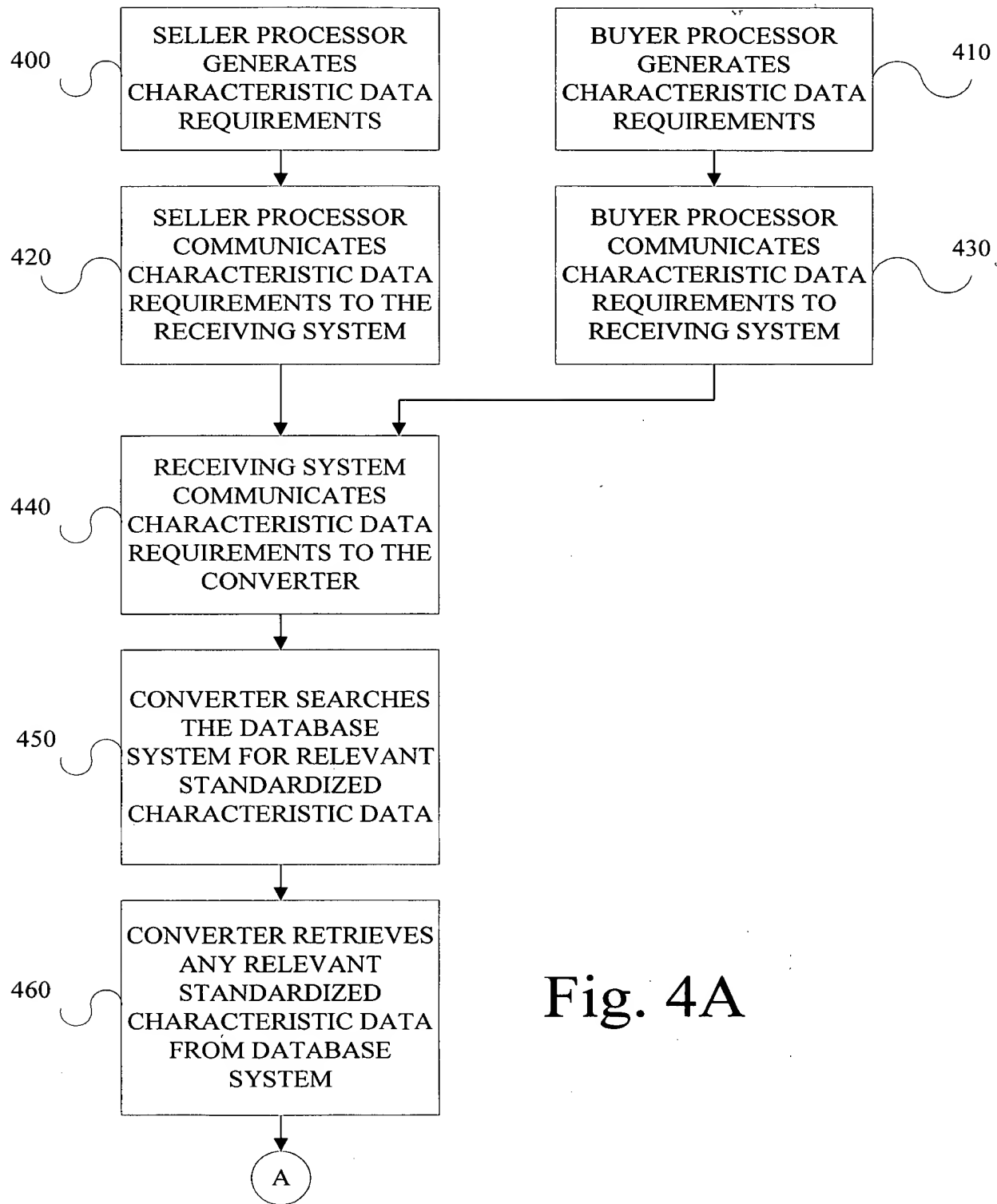


Fig. 4A

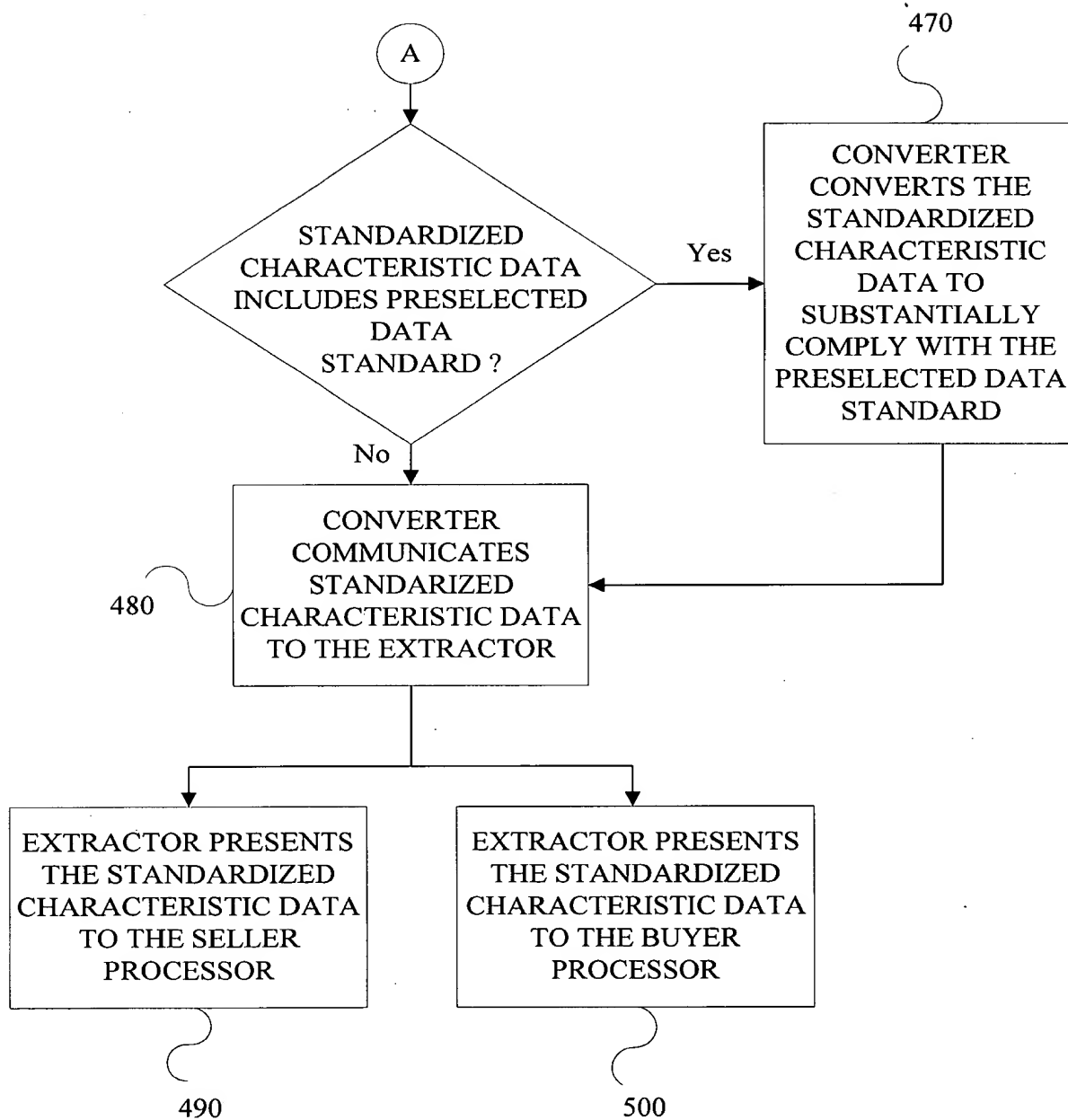


Fig. 4B